GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2745
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2006
OPENING OF PROCUREMENT CENTRES
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of paddy procurement centres opened by the Food Corporation of India in the country during the last three years alongwith the locations thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to open additional paddy procurement centres in the country during the ensuing Kharif Marketing Season to prevent distress sale by the farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): A statement showing State-wise paddy procurement centres opened by the Food Corporation of India in the country during the last three years is at Annexure.

(b) & (c): FCI/State Agencies will open sufficient number of procurement centres in Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2006-07 for purchase of foodgrains of fair average quality at the Minimum Support Price near production areas keeping in view the convenience of farmers in consultation with local State Governments.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2745 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.8.2006 IN THE LOK SABHA

Statement showing State-wise number of paddy procurement centers opened by FCI during the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2003-04 to 2005-06.

Sl. No.	State	KMS 2003-04	KMS 2004-05	KMS 2005-06
1.	Punjab	292+156#	162+192#	159+174#
2.	Haryana	22+40#	26+38#	12+31#
3.	Rajasthan	12	12	12
4.	Delhi	2	2	2
5.	A.P.	194	194	182
6.	Madhya Pradesh	199	226	236
7.	Bihar	98	105	119
8.	Orissa	20	96	245$
9.	Himachal Pradesh	4	4	5
10.	Assam	22	23	11
11.	Jharkhand	8	10	5
	Total	1069	1090	1193

# Jointly opened by FCI and State Agencies.
$ includes 113 purchase centers opened by FCI through NCMSL.